

# 2017 Commencement

Information Sheet

## Congratulations students, parents, and families!

Commencement is an exciting time of year. You should all feel an element of personal pride: you've accomplished a great deal. Thank you for sharing your experience with New England College.

We are proud of our graduates - past, present, and future. Their achievements best represent New England College's mission of personal transformation and growth.

I look forward to celebrating with you!

With warmest regards,

**Michele Perkins, EdD**  
*President, New England College*



**New England College  
Commencement Ceremony**  
Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Regalia is On Sale In the NEC Bookstore**

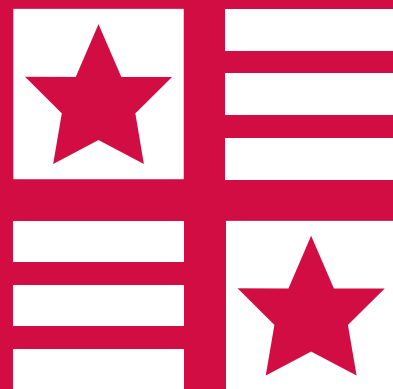
Please contact the Bookstore to arrange purchase and pick-up or shipment of your caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels.  
NEC Bookstore: 603.428.2220

### **nec.edu/commencement**

Visit our web page for more information.

### **Commencement questions?**

Contact us at [commencement@nec.edu](mailto:commencement@nec.edu)  
or 603.428.2417.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Thursday, May 11

#### Graduation Rehearsal

Undergraduate seniors are required to attend.

Graduate and online students are welcome to join but not required to attend.

11:00 a.m. | Lee Clement Arena

#### Barbecue Lunch

Simon Center Patio

All graduating students are invited to lunch immediately following rehearsal.

### Friday, May 12

#### NEC Bookstore Hours

8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Simon Center

#### Annual Student Art Show Exhibition

Graduates, families, and guests welcome!

11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Chester Art Gallery

3:00 p.m. reception to meet the artists.

#### Computer Information Systems (CIS) Reception

3:00-5:00 p.m. | Simon Center

Online reservation required. Please visit [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement) to RSVP.

#### Commencement Eve Social with Champagne Toast

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | John Lyons Center

Online reservation required. Please visit [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement) to RSVP.

### Saturday, May 13

#### Breakfast Buffet

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Gilmore Dining Hall

\$6 per person. Payment may be made at the door. Online reservation required.

Please visit [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement) to RSVP.

#### Military and Veterans Reception

8:30-10:00 a.m. | Veterans Resource Center

#### EdD Reception

9:00-10:00 a.m. | Center for Education Innovation (CEI)

EdD students and faculty enjoy a private event to robe, exchange congratulations, and have breakfast. Please contact Gavin Henning if you plan to attend at [gbenning@nec.edu](mailto:gbenning@nec.edu).

#### Online Student Breakfast

9:00-10:00 a.m. | John Lyons Center

Online students, their immediate family members, and their online faculty are welcome. Online reservation required. Please visit [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement) to RSVP.

#### NEC Bookstore Hours

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Simon Center

#### Graduates Assemble for Procession

All graduates are welcomed and escorted to their place in line.

10:00 a.m. | Covered Bridge

#### Commencement Ceremony

Graduates, parents, families, friends, students, alumni, faculty, and staff are all welcome.

11:00 a.m. | Simon Green

Rain site: Lee Clement Arena

#### Commencement Reception

The Class of 2017, their families, and guests are invited to a reception in the Simon Center Great Room immediately following the Commencement ceremony.

#### Parking

Members of Campus Safety will be available to direct you to the nearest parking facilities. Should you or a guest require handicapped parking, please contact [commencement@nec.edu](mailto:commencement@nec.edu) so that we can make necessary arrangements.

#### Accommodations

A list of area motels, hotels, and inns can be found at [nec.edu/about/visit](http://nec.edu/about/visit).

#### Flowers

Flowers may be pre-ordered or purchased at Commencement. Visit: [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement)

#### Seating

Commencement is traditionally held outdoors on NEC's beautiful Simon Green. There's plenty of space and no tickets are necessary. Seating is first come, first served, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

#### Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will be held in the Lee Clement Arena. Seating is limited. Each graduate is estimated to receive two guest tickets. For others, a live broadcast will be available in the Field House. The decision on the Commencement location will be made 48 hours prior to the event and communicated through the College's website.

#### Photography

The College has engaged a professional photographer who will take photographs of all graduates as they receive their diplomas. Photographs will be available for purchase through the photographer's website. For a link to the photographer's website, please visit [www.nec.edu/commencement](http://www.nec.edu/commencement). Those wishing to take their own photographs may do so from their seats or from the designated photography area to the left of the stage. Please make your visit to this area brief so that others may enjoy the same opportunity.